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October 25, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Moira McEnespy

Re: Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the proposal submitted by California Sea Grant to develop a Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program. Ecosystem-based management has been established as the best way to address the complex interactions between coastal watersheds, bays and estuaries, the marine and ocean environment, and the human element.

Humboldt Bay is a prime target for this type of management. It is a significant resource for the North Coast region and provides a manageable ecosystem-based pilot project area. It has a well-defined geographic scope, active stakeholders, and access to academic resources through Humboldt State University and California Sea Grant.

In addition, the project will incorporate elements identified in the "Northern California Coastal Conservation Needs Assessment" that was recently completed by the Conservancy with NOAA Coastal Services Center funding.

I fully support this endeavor and urge your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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October 30, 2006

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

Subject: Support for Development of Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in strong support of the Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program being proposed for Coastal Conservancy funding by the California Sea Grant.

I understand that ecosystem-based management is necessary to fully address coastal watersheds, bays/estuaries, the marine/ocean environment, the human element, and their interactions. Although Humboldt Bay represents a significant resource for the North Coast region, it provides a manageable ecosystem-based management pilot project area because it has a well-defined geographic scope, has a reasonably small number of active stakeholders, and has access to academic resources through the presence of Humboldt State University and California Sea Grant. This project will also address some of the needs identified in the "Northern California Coastal Conservation Needs Assessment" that was recently completed by the Conservancy with NOAA Coastal Services Center funding.

Thank you for considering this important project.

Sincerely,


WESLEY CHESBRO
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Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 13
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Moira McEnespy

RE: Support for Development of Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program

Dear Chairman Bosco: *D. Berg*

I am pleased to offer my support for the California Sea Grant funding application to develop a Humboldt Bay Ecosystem-Based Management Program.

I believe Humboldt Bay is the perfect place for this ecosystem-based management pilot project. It has a well-defined geographic scope, has a reasonably small number of active stakeholders, and has access to academic resources through the presence of Humboldt State University and California Sea Grant.

This project will also address some of the needs identified in the "Northern California Coastal Conservation Needs Assessment" that was recently completed by the Conservancy with NOAA Coastal Services Center funding.

I appreciate your favorable consideration of funding this important project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my Eureka District Office at (707) 445-7014.

Respectfully,

Patty Berg

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District